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For: **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BURIED INSULATING LAYER  
TYPE SINGLE CRYSTAL SILICON CARBIDE SUBSTRATE (AS AMENDED)**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED January 11, 2005**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **January 11, 2005**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-6; and Group (II),  
Claims 7-15.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-6 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

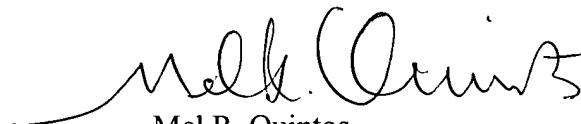
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